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Via Electronic Comment Filing System

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Reply Comments of Farmers Telecommunications Corporation
WC Docket No. 16-382**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Farmers Telecommunications Corporation ("FTC"), enclosed please find FTC's Reply Comments to those filed in WC Docket No. 16-382, concerning FTC's application for discontinuance of service as a non-dominant carrier of telecommunications services, pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 63.71.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Very truly yours,



Mark D. Wilkerson

Enclosure

cc: J. Frederick Johnson, President

**BEFORE THE
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In re)	
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Section 214 Application of Farmers)	
Telecommunications Corporation to Discontinue)	WC Docket No. 16-382
Non-Dominant Carrier Telecommunications)	
Services)	

**REPLY COMMENTS OF
FARMERS TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION**

Farmers Telecommunications Corporation (“FTC”), a competitive local exchange carrier, provides the following reply comments to those filed in the above-referenced cause, regarding FTC’s planned discontinuance of voice, video and data services, including local and interexchange (national and international long distance) telephone services, to members of the North Alabama Electric Cooperative (“NAEC”) in certain portions of Jackson and Marshall counties in Alabama, effective January 31, 2017.

FTC plans to discontinue certain individual services and packages to NAEC members only as a result of the parties’ decision not to renew their contractual agreement. These services do not involve wireless technology. None of the comments received were filed on behalf of NAEC or FTC customers or any subscribers to the affected services, but were instead general comments filed on all pending disconnect applications, without regard to their specific facts, primarily concerned with health and safety issues resulting from the proliferation of wireless services in other portions of the country.

FTC has not, and will not, physically remove or disturb any landline facilities as a result of its discontinuance of service and will not substitute wireless technology for the present service, which is limited to Jackson and Marshall counties in northeastern Alabama. FTC has

done everything possible to ensure a smooth transition and the continued availability of facility based service to NAEC's members, who are in the process of transitioning to another provider to receive the same services presently provided by FTC or reasonable substitutes therefor, without interruption of service.

Respectfully submitted,



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